

Application No. 10/749,838

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In the CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A captive cover for a hypodermic needle of an intravenous (IV) tube assembly with multiple elements including a container needle, an upper tube, a lower tube and a flow control apparatus, the captive cover comprising an elongated body adapted to be attached longitudinally to an element of the IV tube assembly, wherein

the elongated body is hollow and has

an outside surface;

a proximal opening tapered inward;

a closed distal end;

a chamber formed longitudinally in the elongated body between the proximal opening and the closed distal end, ~~communicates~~ communicating with the tapered proximal opening and ~~tapers~~ tapering slightly toward the closed distal end; ~~and~~

at least one resilient locking tab formed in the outside surface near the proximal opening and ~~protrudes~~ protruding into the chamber toward the distal end; and

two connectors formed integrally with and extending radially from the outside of the elongated body respectively from the distal end and near the proximal opening of the elongated body to connect to an element of the IV tube assembly.

2. (Original): The captive cover as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elongated body has one locking tab.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended): The captive cover as claimed in claim [4]1, wherein each connector is a C-shaped clip.